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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1 through 5, 7, 12-14, and 16-25 are pending, and claims 6, 8-11, and 15 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. The applicants appreciate the indication that claims 6 and 15 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claims 1-3, 5, 7-9, and 11-13 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. Claims 1, 12, and 14 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,798,380 to Hong, et al. (hereinafter "Hong"). Claim 8 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent 5,172,074 to Shiga (hereinafter "Shiga"). These objections are respectfully traversed.

In regards to the rejection of claims 1, 5, 8 and 9 under 35 USC 112, the Applicants have amended the claims in accordance with the suggestion by the Examiner to replace the "feed-through resistance" terminology with the suggested broader terminology.

In regards to the rejection of claim 2 under 35 USC 112, the basis for the rejection is unclear. The claim particularly points out that the tank circuit connected between a voltage source V_{dd} and the input terminal of the transistor. Further clarification of the grounds for this rejection or withdrawal thereof is requested.

The rejection of claim 3 under 35 U.S.C. 112 has been addressed by the amendment to claim 1. Claim 11 has been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer.

The rejection of claim 7 under 35 U.S.C. 112 has been corrected by correcting the typographical error to refer to claim 2 instead of claim 1. Perhaps this was also the reason for the rejection of claim 2?

Claim 12 has been amended to correct the typographical error noted by the Examiner.

Claims 1 and 12 have been amended to include the limitations of claims 6 and 15, respectively, and are therefore allowable. The claims that depend from claims 1 and 12 are allowable for at least the reasons that they each depend from an allowable base claim and include limitations that are not found in the prior art. New claims 16 through 25 have been presented herewith for examination and are believed to be allowable over the prior art of record. Withdrawal of all rejections and allowance of all pending claims is requested.

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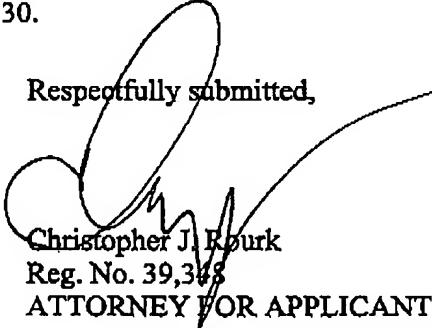
CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing remarks and for various other reasons readily apparent, Applicants submit that all of the claims now present are allowable, and withdrawal of the rejection and a Notice of Allowance are courteously solicited.

If any impediment to the allowance of the claims remains after consideration of this amendment, a telephone interview with the Examiner is hereby requested by the undersigned at (214) 939-8657 so that such issues may be resolved as expeditiously as possible.

No fee is believed to be due at this time. If any applicable fee or refund has been overlooked, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee or credit any refund to the deposit account of Godwin Gruber LLP, No. 500530.

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